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Course Description

Drawing on technical examples, lessons learned, and best practices from a recent award winning healthcare facility project, this presentation comprehensively explores the key components necessary to execute successful existing building commissioning (EBCx) projects in mission critical buildings.

Learning Objectives

At the end of the this course, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the Existing Building Commissioning (EBCx) Process.
2. Understand financial and operational benefits of the Existing Building Commissioning (EBCx) Process.
3. Understand the benefits of utilizing incentive funding.
4. Determine the expected results of implementing the Existing Building Commissioning for their facilities.

“The **biggest** gains, in terms of decreasing the country’s energy bill, the amount of carbon dioxide we put into the atmosphere, our dependency on foreign oil, will come from **energy efficiency** and **conservation** in the next 20 years.”

Steven Chu
Former Secretary – Dept. of Energy



Existing Building Cx

- Systematic process
- Investigating, analyzing & optimizing
- Identification & implementation of low/no cost ECM's
- Ensuring continued performance

Benefits of EBCx

- Excellent ROI (return on investment)
- Reduces energy costs/ budget
- Verifies/ validates environmental criteria
- Reduced maintenance
- Increased system reliability
- Improved occupant comfort
- Solve long term operating problems

How does this differ from EA?

- Hands-On Approach to Retro-Cx; Construction, Components & Capacity
 - Design / Installation Reviews
 - Functional Checks
 - Performance Tests



Typical Test Equipment Used



TSI (anemometer):
temperature/humidity checks
& airflow traverses



Tachometer for
testing speed

DP Calc for static pressure checks



Power meter for power readings

Vane Anemometer for testing
face velocities (over coils/
dampers/ fume hoods, etc)



Alnor DP meter for
testing fluid flows at
coils

Balometer for testing
airflows at diffusers



Process Milestones

- Site orientation & documentation review
- Define the Current Facility Requirements (CFR)
- Energy Analysis / Benchmarking
- Trending/ Data logging
- Design/ Installation reviews (DIRs)
- Functional checks (FCs)
- Performance tests (PTs)
- Reporting & Issue Resolution
- Persistence Strategy

EBCx in Healthcare

- Stringent patient requirements
 - Facility's staff must often place patients' needs, comfort and safety above energy consumption
- Complex energy and HVAC systems
 - The intricacies in performance required for the demands of waiting areas, doctors' offices, and operating rooms require a delicate system balance
- Critical nature of the services provided and patients served
 - ECMs need to be easy to implement & sustain
 - Focus on energy without impacting patients' quality of stay and comfort

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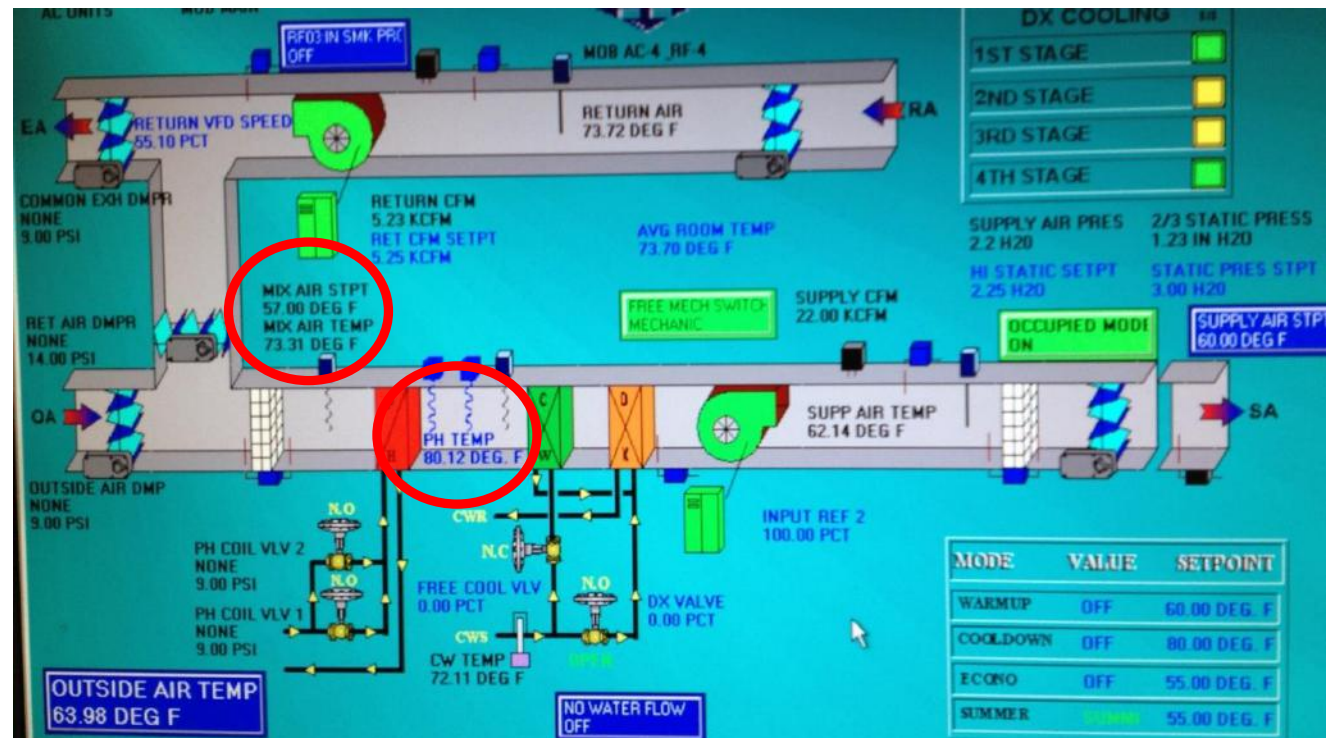
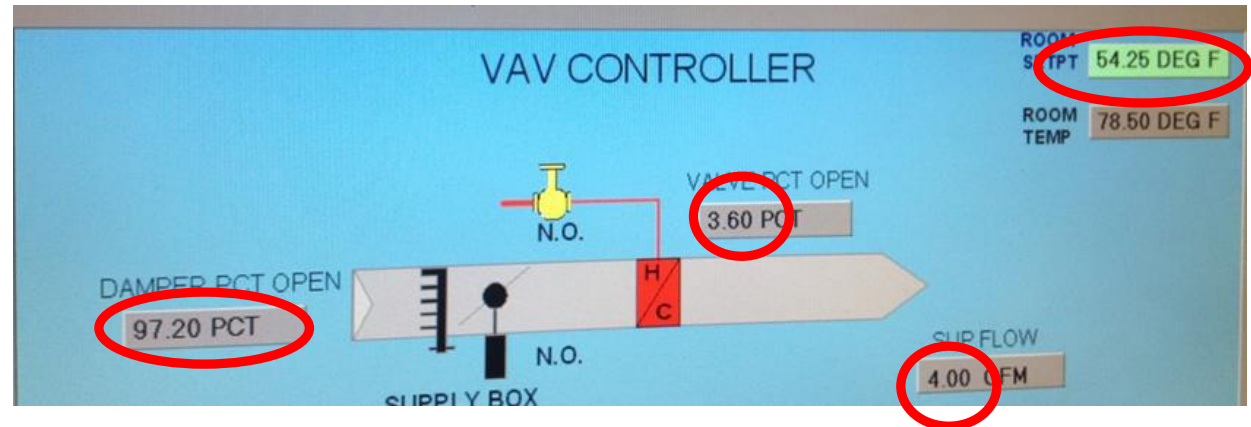
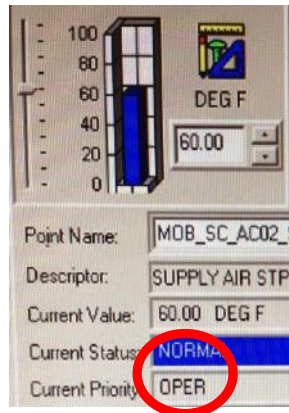
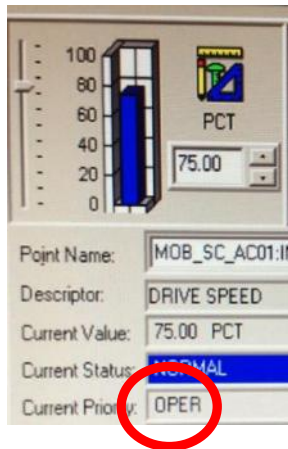
- Project Development & Background
 - Campus-wide Benchmarking Pilot
 - Energy Audit & Retro-Cx Study
 - Focused Engineering Analysis
 - Implementation
 - M&V

Building HVAC Systems

- Air Distribution Systems
 - Five (5) Main Air Handling Units (AHUs)
 - Variable Air Volume (VFDs on SF and RF)
 - DX Cooling
- AHU Controls
 - 24/7 Operation
 - Supply Air Temp Reset 55F – 65F
 - Waterside Economizer & Airside Economizer
- VAV Terminals
 - Constant Volume and Variable Air Volume operation
 - Hot water reheat coils
 - Nighttime setback

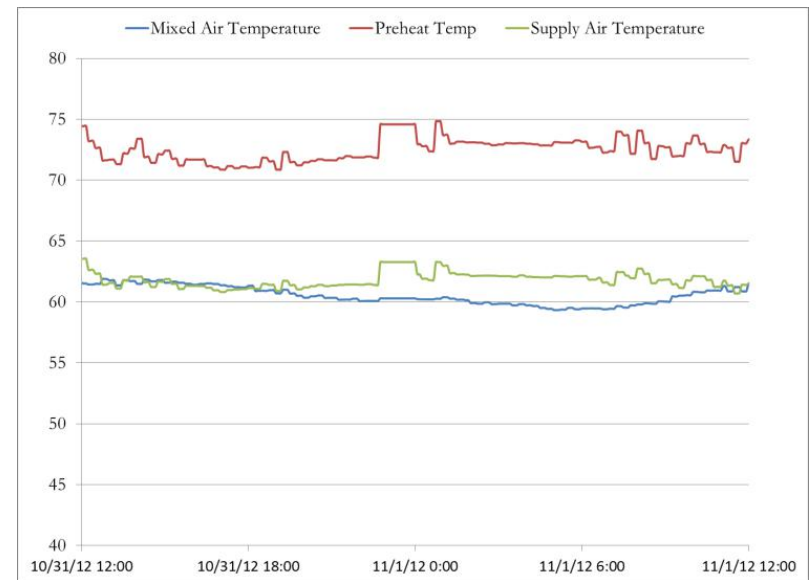
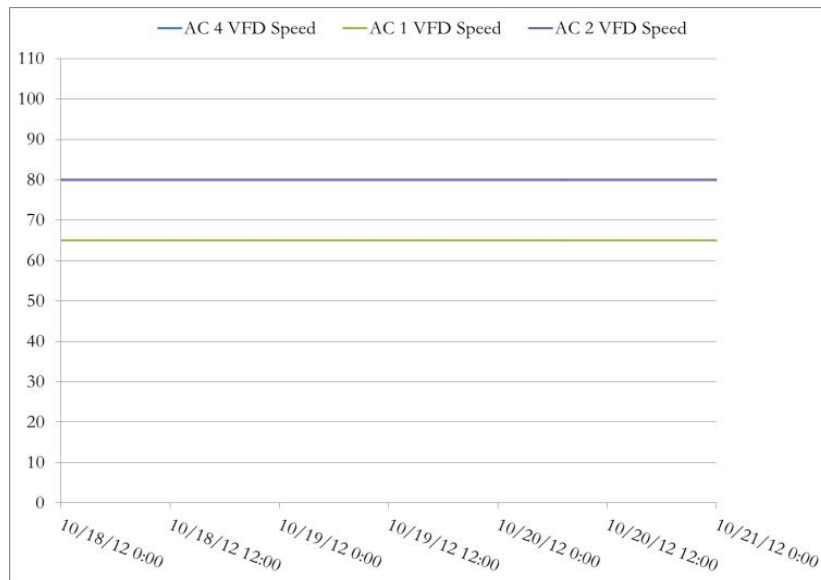
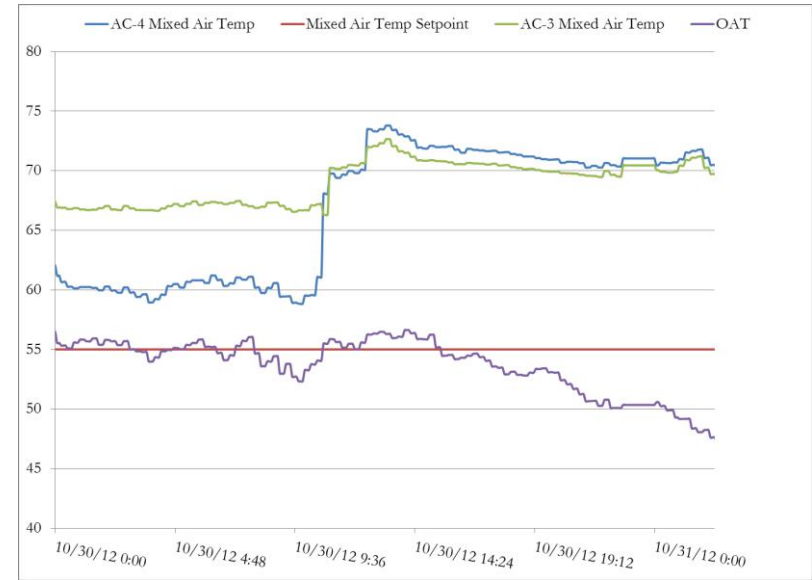
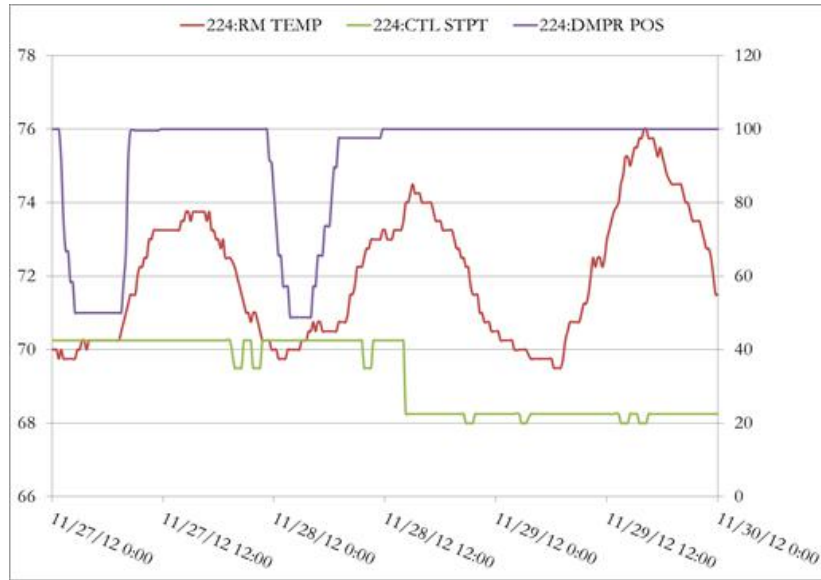
MSKCC Process

- EBCx Process
 - BMS Review
 - Trending Review
 - Design & Installation Review
 - Functional & Performance Testing
 - ECM Development
- Implementation & Remediation
- M&V



BMS Review

Trend Analysis

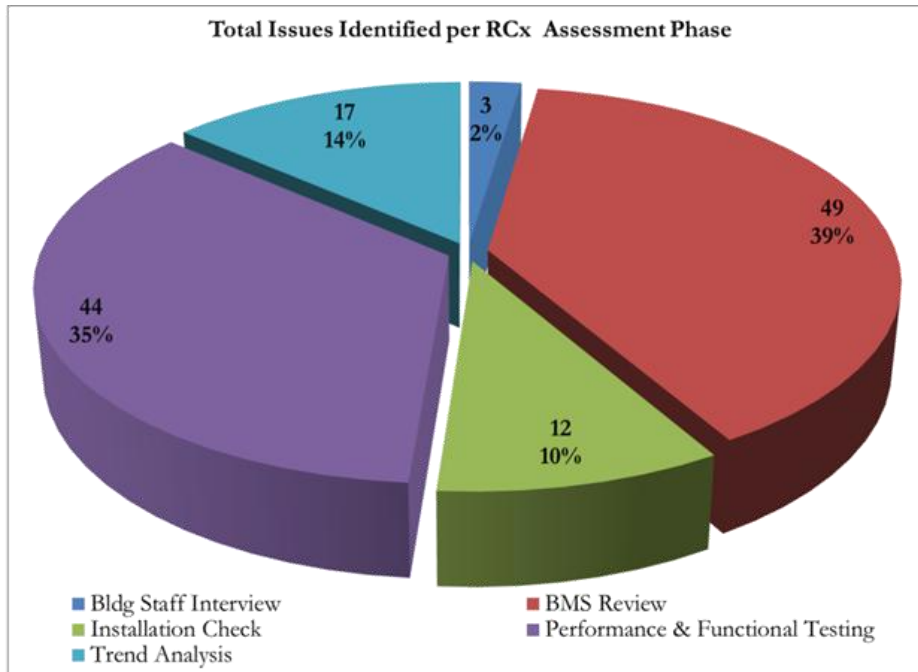


Design & Installation Review



Functional & Performance Tests

- Determine if:
 - Current condition performing to design values
 - Current SOP fully executed
 - do valves, actuators, VFDs respond as intended?

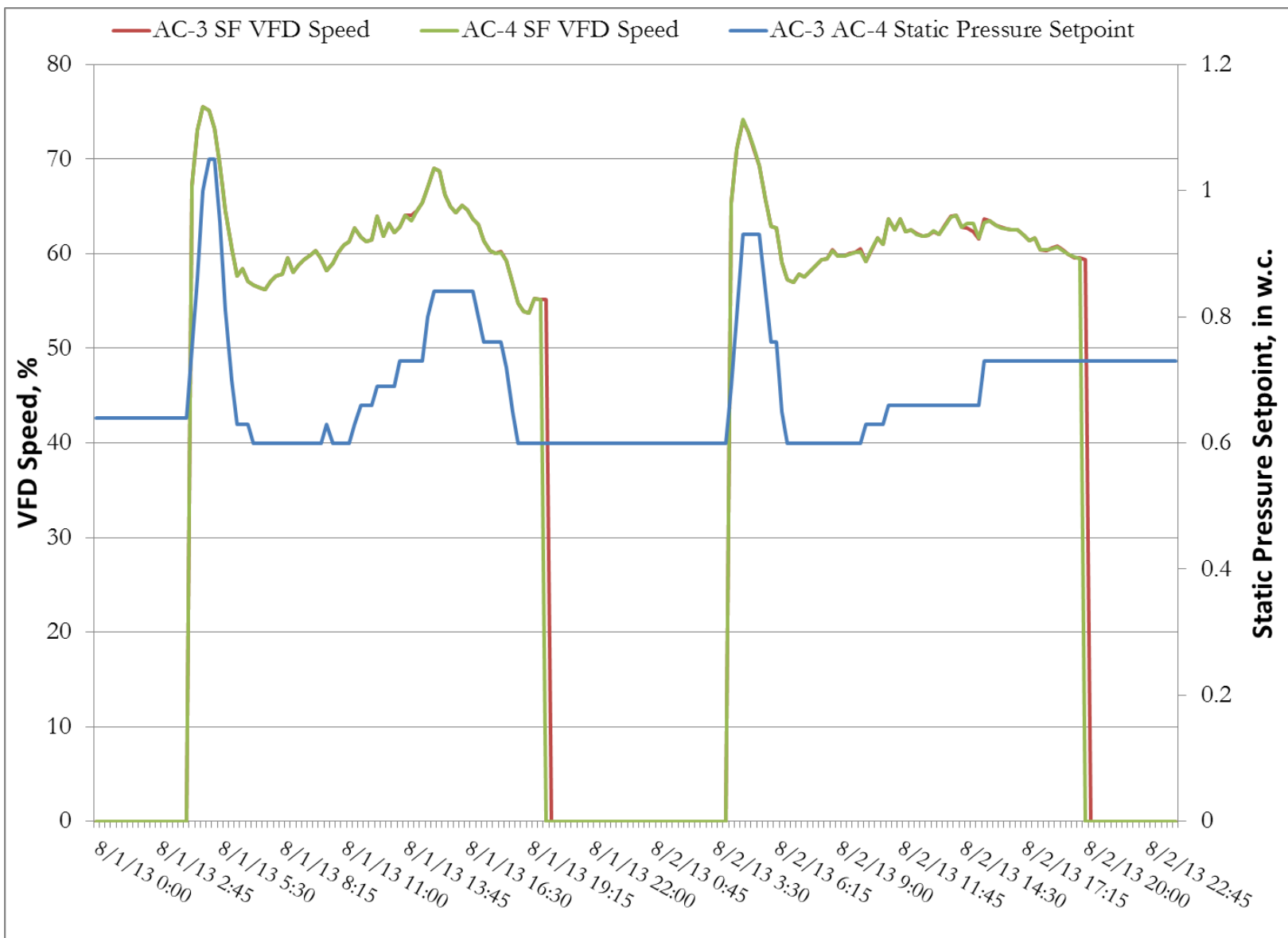


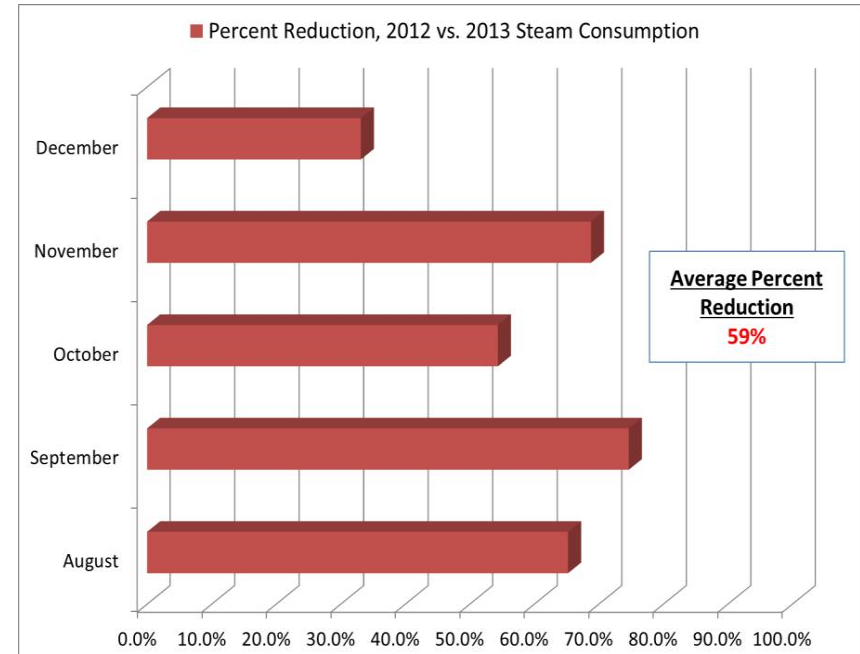
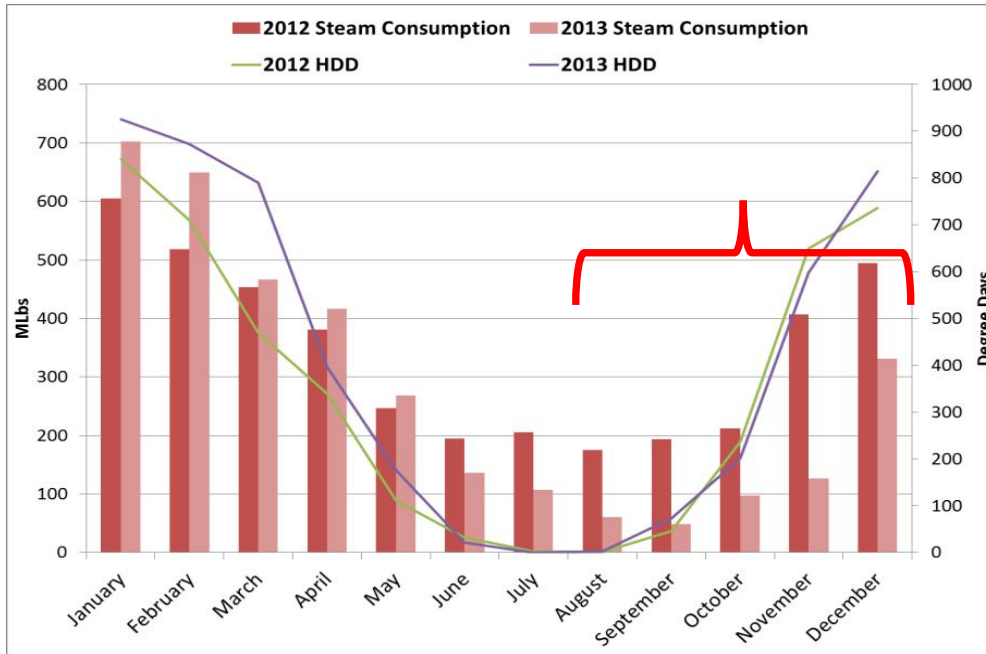
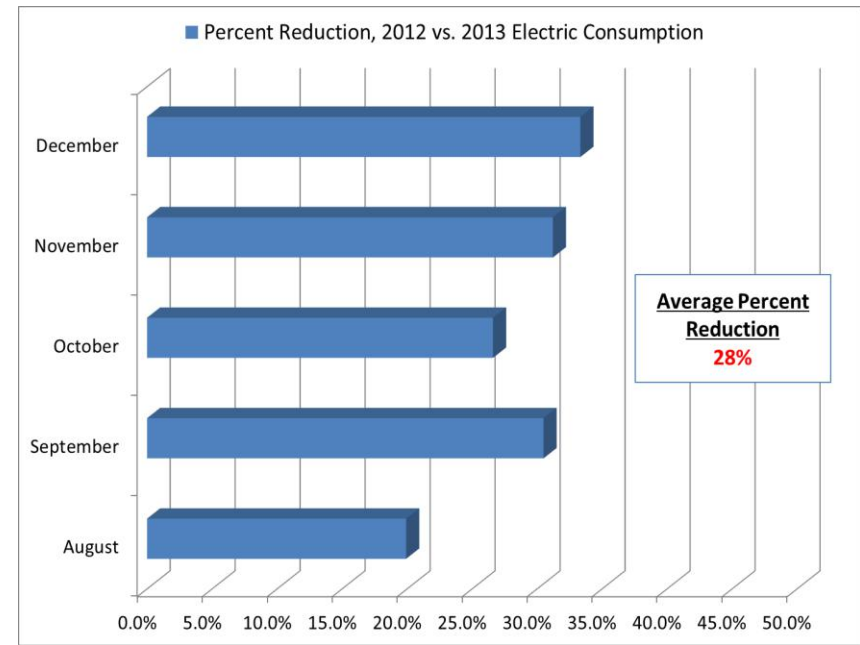
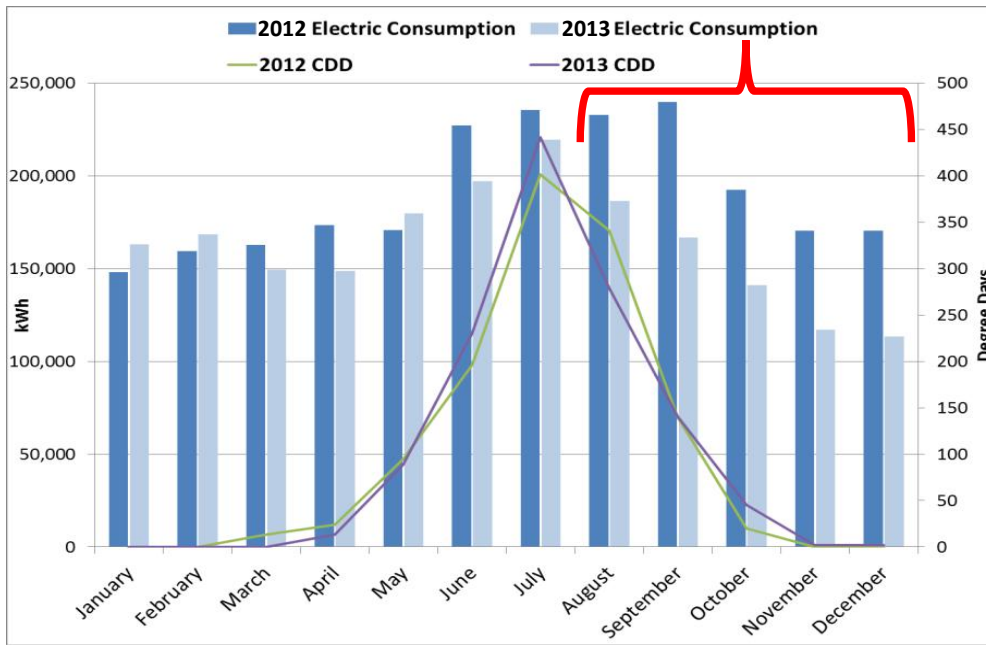
ECM #	Class	ECM Description	Engineering & Modifications	ECM Status	Fuel Type Saved	Energy Saved (kWh)	Energy Saved (kW)	Steam Savings (Klbs)	Annual Dollars Saved	Total Cost	Simple Payback Period
Recommended Capital ECMs											
1	HVAC Schedule	Nighttime & Weekend Shutdown/Setback	Change BMS Operating Schedule and Utilize Optimal Start	R	Electric, Steam	821,785		983	\$111,050	\$ 32,576	0.3
2	AHU Control	Implement Static Pressure Reset	Program AHU VFD reset schedule based on VAV box damper positions; Verify and Revise VAV SOP	R	Electric, Steam	296,180		157	\$ 47,201	\$ 100,520	2.1
3A	Primary CW Control & AHU Control	Waterside Economizer Optimization	Implement Primary CW Supply Oat WB Reset and Enable Hybrid/Free Cooling in Winter Mode on AC-1, AC-2, AC-5	R	Electric	49,994			\$ 8,499	\$ 26,617	1.9
3B		Enable Hybrid and Free Cooling on AC-2	Install Actuators on Econo Coil Valve and Bypass Valve	R	Electric	30,833			\$ 5,242		
4	HVAC Retrofit	SF-1 VFD Installation	Install VFD on SF-1 to Reduce Fan Motor Power	R	Electric	56,831	4		\$ 6,724	\$ 20,560	3.1
5	AHU Control	AC-3, AC-4 Economizer Mode Optimization	Optimize Airside Economizer Cycle	R	Electric	33,577			\$ 5,708	\$ 23,260	4.1
6	Radiation Heating Scheduling	Implement Radiation Heating Schedule	Enable pump and HX based on OAT and utilize HWS OAT Reset	R	Electric, Steam	904		158	\$ 7,189	\$ 2,169	0.3
7	AHU Control	Eliminate AC-2, AC-5 Simultaneous Heating & Cooling	Verify AC-2, AC-5 Preheat Valve SOP to Ensure Operation to Meet SAT Setpoint	R	Electric, Steam	9,740		155	\$ 8,599	\$ 2,169	0.3
Recommended O & M ECMs											
8	AHU Maintenance	Condenser Tube Bundle Cleaning	Clean CW Tube Bundles to Increase Mechanical Cooling Efficiency	R	Electric	11,206			\$ 1,905		
9	AHU Maintenance	Eliminate Economizer Coil Leak-By	Calibrate Valve/Actuator on AC-1, AC-5 to Eliminate Leak By	R	Steam						
10	AHU Maintenance	AHU Door Gasket Sealing	Seal Airflow Leaks on AC-1, 2, 3, 4	R	Electric						



Project Implementation

- NYSERDA Energy Adviser Program
 - Heat Load Analysis
 - VAV Remediation
 - Static Pressure Reset Implementation
 - HVAC Scheduling
 - Rebalancing





Savings Summary

- Annual Savings
 - \$107,843 in Electric & Steam Savings
 - ~\$70,000 Operations
 - Payback of less than 2 years!

ECM #	ECM Description	Engineering & Modifications	Energy Saved (kWh)	Steam Savings (Mlbs)	Annual Dollars Saved	Total Cost	Rebate	Simple Payback Period
1	Nighttime & Weekend Shutdown/ Setback	Change BMS Operating Schedule; inclusive of Waterside and Airside Economizer Optimization ECMs (3A, 3B, 5)	445,929	1,126	\$79,097	\$82,453	\$0	1.0
2	Static Pressure Reset	Program AHU VFD reset schedule based on VAV box damper positions; inclusive of heat load analysis and rebalancing	208,299		\$28,745	\$100,520	\$30,270	2.4
Total Savings & Costs			654,228	1,126	\$107,843	\$182,973	\$30,270	1.4

Awards

- BCxA 2014 Cx Project Award
 - Existing Bldg Category
- Urban Green 2015 Ebie Finalist
 - “Smooth Operator”

Lessons Learned

- Clearly defined goals
- Commissioning Authority (CxA) leads the process
 - Objective & independent owner advocate
- Clearly defined written plan, roles, responsibility & scope
 - Input from Operations Team
 - Communicate and Coordinate with building staff & tenants
- Functional testing programs & requirements
- CxA provides input to resolve deficiencies
- Results documentation & reporting requirements
- Incorporate a Persistence Strategy at first meeting

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